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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Official Action in this case mailed April 4, 2007. Authorization to charge a credit card has been provided upon electronic filing of this amendment to extend the term to October 4, 2007. Applicants believe that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 5 of this paper.